

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PACIFIC COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PACIFIC COUNTY
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the marine waters of the Pacific County represent an unparalleled resource of important environmental and economic value to the people of the region and the state for now and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to actively promote local stewardship and restoration of the County's marine resources by supporting research and education about these waters; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature adopted Chapter 36.125 of the Revised Code of Washington to allow counties to establish Marine Resource Committees (MRC) to provide an ecosystem focus on marine resources of Washington State's Pacific Coastline and to help mobilize science to focus on key priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Exploratory Marine Committee, at the request of the Board, studied the formation of a Marine Resource Committee in Pacific County, and has issued a positive recommendation to do so, including outlining a vision and developing work plans for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to protect the local marine environment and contribute to the overall stewardship of the marine environment of Washington State's Pacific Coastline by forming a Pacific County Marine Resource Committee pursuant to Chapter 36.125 RCW; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Pacific County Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish a Pacific County Marine Resources Committee whose mission is to address local marine issues, recommend remedial actions to local, state, and federal authorities, build local awareness of the issues and support for remedies consistent with the Interim Benchmarks of Performance as adopted by the Coastal MRC Work Group, including specific tasks identified in "Exhibit A."

PASSED by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners in regular session at South Bend, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the ____ day of _____, 2009;

_____ YEA; _____ NAY; _____ ABSTAIN; and _____ ABSENT

PACIFIC COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jon Kaino, Chair

Norman "Bud" Cuffel, Commissioner

Clay Harwood, Commissioner

Attest:

Kathy Noren, Clerk of the Board

David Burke, Prosecuting Attorney

Purpose of the Pacific County Marine Resources Committee: To achieve the vision established in the report “A Recommendation for Establishing a Pacific County Marine Resources Committee,” dated June 2009.

Powers and Duties of the Marine Resources Committee: The Marine Resources Committee shall:

1. Advise the Board of County Commissioners about research, educational, and regulatory measures necessary to promote the stewardship of marine resources of the County.
2. Promote specific projects necessary to achieve the stewardship, restoration, and enhancement of the marine resources of the County.
3. Advise the Board of County Commissioners about efforts that should be developed or encouraged to promote the stewardship, conservation, and restoration of marine habitats and resources.
4. Help assess marine resource problems and the need for preventative or corrective measures in concert with governmental, nongovernmental, tribal, recreational, and commercial interests.
5. Help identify implications, needs, and strategies associated with the sustaining marine species in and around the County, and do so in concert with the above-mentioned entities.
6. Coordinate with the State Ocean Caucus and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Ecology to promote the recommendations of the Washington Ocean Action Plan.
7. Reach out to the public and other key constituents on the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources.
8. Report annually to the Board of County Commissioners on its activities and recommendations.

Membership of the Marine Resources Committee: There shall be fourteen (14) voting members of the Marine Resources Committee, selected by the Board of County Commissioners to ensure that the membership of the committee is balanced and representative. The voting members shall be at least one person from each of the following membership categories:

- Conservation/Environmental Groups*
- Recreational Groups*
- Economic Groups*
- Scientific Community*
- Tribal Government*
- Local Government*
- Local Citizens*
- Aquaculture
- Agriculture
- Ports
- Cities
- Commercial Fishing
- Education
- State/Federal Agencies

*Representative groups mandated by law. Members shall serve three-year terms. Marine Resources Committee members shall select a chair and by laws by majority vote.